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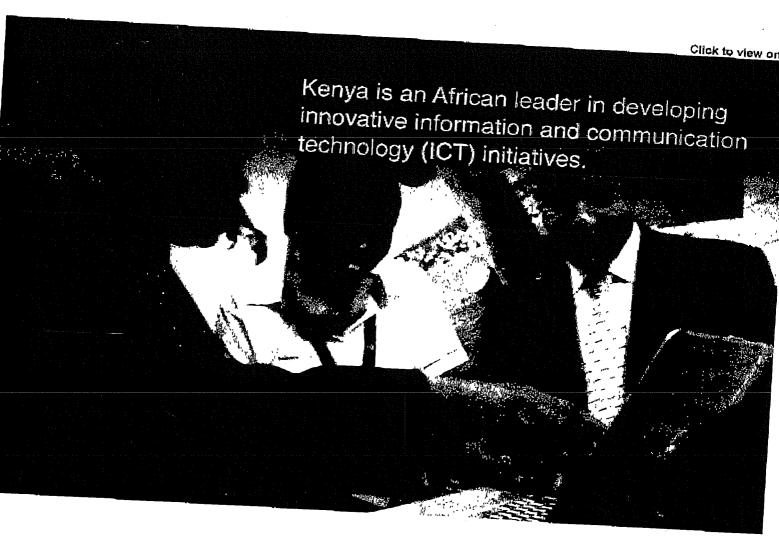
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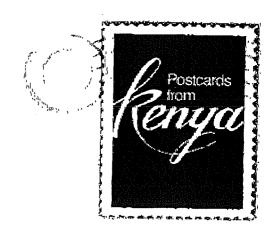


- Kenya recently hosted Connected Kenya, a three-day ICT conference to discuss the newest technology developments in the sector, how to improve connectivity across the country and how the government and private sector can adopt technology to improve services and reduce costs.
- Equity Bank announced at the Connected Kenya summit that it will launch a technology incubation and innovation center in Nairobi. The center will bring academia and technology together in the hopes of cultivating new application developers and helping them commercialize their innovations.
- Kenyan ICT companies and entrepreneurial developers have created a wide range innovative technologies enabling Kenyans to use their mobile phones to do everything from accessing banking services and receiving medical test results to tracking their vehicles.

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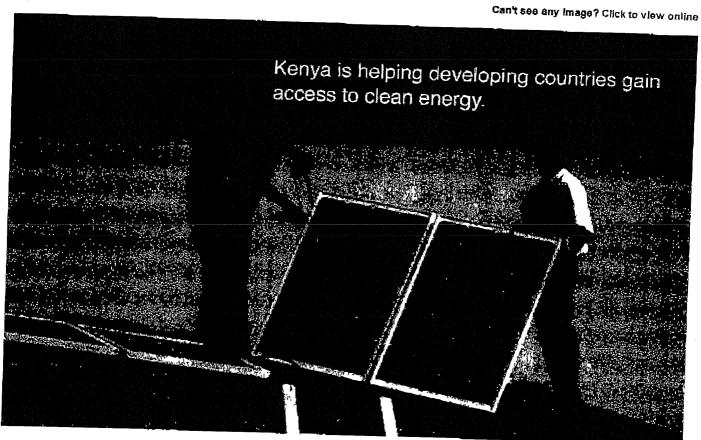
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- At the launch of the Paris-Nairobi Climate Initiative in April 2011, Prime Minister Odinga promised Kenya will assist other African countries in achieving the United Nations' goal of universal access to energy by 2030. The Initiative will facilitate interactions between government ministries, development partners and energy experts to expand access to clean energy throughout the world.
- The Prime Minister told reporters at the Initiative's opening conference that the idea dates back to the December 2010 United Nations Convention on Climate Change. "France and Kenya saw the need to launch an initiative on access to clean energy in Africa and other countries vulnerable to climate change," he said.
- A secretariat for the Initiative will be set up in Nairobi and its head will be appointed soon, assured the Prime Minister, underscoring the Initiative's importance. "This is not just about talk, we want to ensure that the whole exercise is fast-tracked," he said.

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